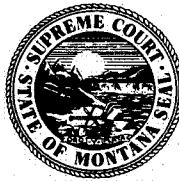


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**TO:** Senator Jim Shockley and Senator Dan McGee  
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**SUBJECT:** Evaluation of programs and services funded through JDIP

SB 146 would require the Judicial Branch to evaluate the effectiveness of out-of-home placements, programs, and services funded through the Juvenile Delinquency Intervention Program (JDIP). To implement this requirement, the Office of Court Administrator (OCA) has identified the following as an initial approach to meeting this requirement:

- ☐ When a judicial district submits a plan to the OCA for approval to spend its funds on a particular program, the district would be required to identify specific outcome measures to determine whether the program is meeting its goals and objectives.
- ☐ Outcome measures would vary according to the type of program. Some examples are:
  - Recidivism
  - Completion of community service
  - Completion of restitution
  - Victim and/or community satisfaction
  - Change in academic performance
  - Change in school attendance
  - Number and severity of school infractions
  - Association with delinquent peers
  - Reported substance abuse
- ☐ In addition, a judicial district would be required to explain how it would evaluate the outcome measures selected.
- ☐ At the end of the program, the data would be analyzed to determine whether the program should be funded in future years.

SB 146 also allocates \$25,000 each year to the OCA to evaluate selected out-of-home placements, programs, and services based on recommendations from the Cost Containment Review Panel and subject to the approval of the District Court Council. The OCA anticipates that each year a certain type of program (e.g., community service programs, therapeutic services, education and alternative schooling) would be selected for evaluation. We would then contract with a qualified party to evaluate the selected programs across judicial districts.